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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO REOPEN SPRINGFIELD, CHICAGO OFFICES

SPRINGFIELD (June 12, 2020) -- The offices of the Illinois State Board of Elections, closed to the public since mid-March due to coronavirus concerns, will begin reopening with limited staffing beginning Monday, June 15.

The initial reopening is the first of three phases of roughly two weeks each that will gradually increase staffing from 25 percent to 100 percent on Aug. 1 at SBE's Springfield office, 2329 S. MacArthur Boulevard, and its Chicago office in the James R. Thompson Center. The offices will operate at 50 percent staffing beginning July 1, 75 percent on July 16 and will return to full staffing on Aug. 1. SBE employs 59 staff members in Springfield and 14 in Chicago.

SBE will provide personal protective equipment (masks, gloves and sanitation wipes) for all members of the public visiting the Board's offices. Reception areas in both offices have been modified for maximum protection of staff and visitors.

During the six-week transition to full staffing, anyone with business requiring a visit to the office is advised to call first to make sure appropriate staff members are on hand for in-person assistance. The Springfield office can be reached at (217) 782-4141 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Chicago office can be reached at (312) 814-6440 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The State Board of Elections is an independent state agency charged with the responsibility of having general supervision over the administration of election laws of the State of Illinois. Elections are administered locally by the State's 108 election authorities.